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PERMANENT CONTESTS FOR USSR SHORT-WAVE OPERATORS

During the postwar years, Soviet radio amateur activity has increased considerably in the political, technical, and competitive aspects. The radio stations of Soviet short-wave operators are now the best equipped in Europe.

The whole world knows of the prowess of our short-wave operators in carrying out the most difficult radio communications. It is enough to mention that in the last All-Union Competition various records were set, such as the establishment of 37 two-way links in one hour by K. Shul'gin, the radio communications champion of Dosarm; and establishing communications with six amateur stations in Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America (one from each continent) in 25 minutes by Yu. Prozorovskiy of Moscow.

Our government and party have charged the short-wave operators and representatives of every sport with the task of winning and keeping all the principal world records. To do this, they need daily, more persistent training. At the same time, they must broaden their technical outlook.

To further increase the skill of Soviet short-wave operators and to attract the broad masses of Dosarm radio club members into active radio communication work, the Central Committee of the All-Union Council of Dosarm passed a resolution on conducting permanent competitions for short-wave operators.

Two types of competitions were set up: (1) establishing radio communication in the shortest possible time (during not more than 48 hours continuous operation) with radio stations of all 16 Union republics and (2) receiving amateur radio stations of all 16 republics. There is no time limit for the latter type of competition, which will be judged either on the basis of two-way radio communication or by reception of amateur radio stations of 100 oblasts and autonomous republics of the Soviet Union.

The results of both types of competition will be worked out every month by the Competition Committee of the Short-Wave Section of the Central Radio Club and, after being confirmed by the Main Judicial Collegium, will be published in Radio. The winners will receive special diplomas.

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All Soviet short-wave operators, regardless of the group under which their transmitter is registered, may take part in the competitions. Entrants should send receipt cards received in confirmation of two-way radio communication established in accordance with the permanent competition rules, to the Competition Committee of the Central Radio Club.

Short-wave listeners should present receipt cards confirming the reception. These cards should carry the confirmation by the operator of the radio station received that it was actually operating at the time.

In examining the results of the competitions, the Competition Committee will take account of two-way communication (reception) with both individual and collective radio stations, independently of the bands worked. In oblasts where there are two or more radio clubs, communication with each of them will count. Communication with mobile radio stations will not count. The results of the competitions will be divided into two groups: (1) radio communication (reception) by telegraph and (2) radio communication (reception) by radio telephone.

Active participation in the competitions will increase the skill of Soviet short-wave operators.

Permanent competitions are being held for the first time in Soviet amateur radio history and are the first step in the extensive development of the Soviet Radio Sport -- a fine school for the various radio specialists required in the national economy and in the defense of the country.

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